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Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Rule 1.53(d) Continued Prosecution Application
Application of Ralf **BERTRAM**, Stephan **HILLERS**,
Oskar **KOCH**, Harry **ERFURT** and Gerald **REINDERS**
**"PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PHENYLENE-BIS-
BENZIMIDAZOLE-TETRASULFONIC ACID DISODIUM SALT"**
Attorney Docket No.: 3968.026

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) of pending prior parent Application No. **09/995,328** filed on November 27, 2001, entitled "**PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PHENYLENE-BIS-BENZIMIDAZOLE-TETRASULFONIC ACID DISODIUM SALT**".

This application is being filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Paul A. Zucker in Group Art Unit **1621**.

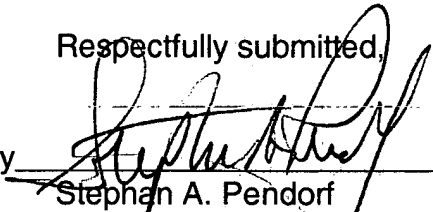
Entry of Amendment B and Supplemental Amendment B is respectfully requested.

An executed Declaration of Inventorship was filed in the parent application. No new matter is being introduced by Amendment B or Supplemental Amendment B.

Total claims $\frac{7}{1} - \frac{20}{3} = \underline{\quad} \times \$18 = \$$
Independent Claims $\frac{1}{1} - \frac{3}{3} = \underline{\quad} \times \$84 = \$$
Base Fee \$ 750.00
TOTAL FILING FEE \$ 750.00

A check for the statutory fee of **\$750.00** is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0877. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.

Respectfully submitted,

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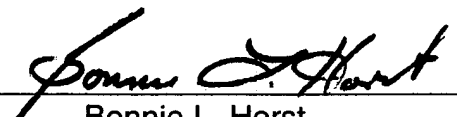
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Request for Continued Prosecution Application for U.S. Application No. **09/995,328** filed **November 27, 2001**, entitled "PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PHENYLENE-BIS-BENZIMIDAZOLE-TETRASULFONIC ACID DISODIUM SALT" and a stamped receipt post card are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated and is addressed: **ATTN: Box CPA, Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231.**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-0877.


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